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Applicant(s) : TYLER et al.  
Serial No. : 10/735,068  
Filing Date : December 11, 2003  
Title : COMPOSITION FOR  
CONDITIONING WATER USED  
IN AQUARIUMS  
Examiner : KUGEL, Timothy J.  
Group Art Unit : 1712

**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

This amendment and request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a) is to correct the inadvertent omission of a joint inventor.

Applicant requests that the above-entitled application be amended to correct inventorship to add a joint inventor, Ian Cottrell.

In support of this request, Applicant also submits the following documents:

1. A statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a) from the previously unnamed inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part;

2. A Substitute Declaration signed by the previously named inventors and the newly named inventor in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63;
3. Assent of Assignee to Addition of Inventor; and
4. Fee pursuant to C.F.R. §1.17(i) (\$130.00).

Respectfully submitted,

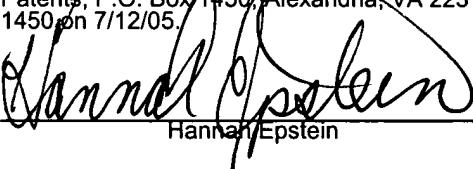
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July 12, 2005  
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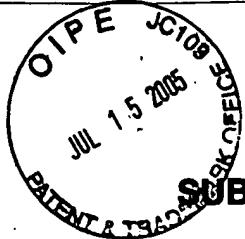
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**STATEMENT OF NON-DECEPTIVE INTENT BY PERSON BEING ADDED AS  
AN INVENTOR PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2)**

I, Ian Cottrell, the person being added as an inventor by the request being submitted to correct the inventorship of this patent application do hereby make this statement that the error in omitting my name as an inventor in this patent application occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

July 5, 2005  
Date

Ian W. Cottrell  
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## SUBSTITUTE COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the Invention entitled COMPOSITION FOR CONDITIONING WATER USED IN AQUARIUMS, the specification of which

(check one)  is attached hereto.  was filed on December 11, 2003, as United States Application Serial No. 10/735,068 or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or (f), or 365 (b), of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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**ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO ADDITION OF INVENTOR**

The Hartz Mountain Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, located at 400 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, as the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest to the invention that is the subject of this patent application, hereby consents to the correction of inventorship filed herewith.

The Hartz Mountain Corporation has also attached (1) a true copy of the Assignment from the originally named inventors, Michael Tyler, Roberto Falcone and Joshua Reilly to The Hartz Mountain Corporation which was recorded on December 11, 2003 and can be located at Reel No. 014800, Frame No. 0943 and has Document Identification No. 102629483A; and (2) a true copy of the Assignment from the inadvertently unnamed inventor, Ian Cottrell, to The Hartz Mountain Corporation, which has been submitted to the Assignment Division for recordation, along with Form PTO 1595.

A statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73 is attached hereto as well.

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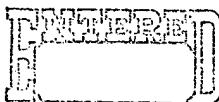
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ASSIGNOR:

REILLY, JOSHUA

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This assignment relates to a United States patent application signed by Assignor on  
**November 18, 2003** and entitled

## **COMPOSITION FOR CONDITIONING WATER USED IN AQUARIUMS**

This patent application is called "the Patent Application".

Assignor has received Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration for this assignment.

Assignor assigns to Assignee all of Assignor's right, title and interest in the Patent Application, the invention described and claimed in the Patent Application, and all patents that may issue based on the invention and on the Patent Application in the United States *and in every foreign country*. *Assignor also assigns to Assignee all priority rights in the Patent Application.*

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Assignor states that Assignor has the right to grant to Assignee the rights which are assigned by this assignment. Assignor will sign any additional documents as may be needed to carry out the purpose of this assignment.

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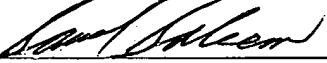
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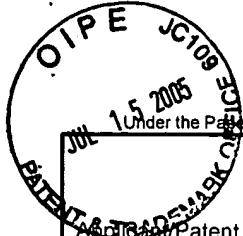
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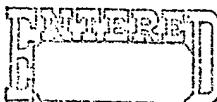
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